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REPORT OF THE DRAFTING GROUP TO THE PLENARY

United Nations Development Fund for Women

The Governing Council,

Recalling the mandate of the United Nations Development Fund for Women as set out in the annex to General Assembly resolution 39/125 of 14 December 1984,

Recognizing the contribution of the United Nations Development Fund for Women to the identification and the pursuit of strategies to integrate women into the mainstream development agenda, and the Fund's innovative and catalytic activities to promote women's own contributions to national economies,

Acknowledging the role played by the United Nations Development Fund for Women in placing women's concerns on the international agenda for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, as well as the Fund's commitment to strengthening its advocacy role to accelerate positive change in the status of women worldwide,

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator on the United Nations Development Fund for Women (DP/1993/41);

2. Also takes note of the continuing policy advice given to the Administrator by the Consultative Committee on the United Nations Development Fund for Women;

3. Recognizes the importance of the contribution of the United Nations Development Fund for Women to international preparations for the Fourth World Conference on Women to be held in Beijing in September 1995, including facilitating the participation of women's organizations in it, fostering of cooperation among groups, between governments and non-governmental organizations, and between men and women, for a more gender-responsive development agenda, as well as efforts to raise public awareness of the objectives of the Conference;

4. Calls upon the United Nations Development Fund for Women to continue its active support to the United Nations Development Programme and the other members of the Joint Consultative Group on Policy in gender-related programme

areas and to further a positive working relationship with other United Nations bodies in order to integrate gender concerns and women in their development activities;

5. Renews its appeal for increased voluntary financial support to the United Nations Development Fund for Women, bearing in mind its important responsibilities in the coming years as outlined in the present decision.